

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO:

JAMES HENRY STAUNTON, AO, CBE, QC

GREETING:

WHEREAS, by Letters Patent issued in Our name and entered in the Register of Patents on 25 October 1994 and varied by Letters Patent issued in Our name and entered in the Register of Patents on 29 December 1994, We appointed the Honourable Sir Laurence Street, AC, KCMG, to inquire into certain aspects of the administration of the Civil Aviation Authority, in particular in relation to any person (whether incorporated or unincorporated), or body of persons, trading as Seaview Air or any related business:

AND WHEREAS, by Letters Patent issued in Our name and entered in the Register of Patents on 29 December 1994, We extended the time for reporting on the Inquiry and appointed you as another Commissioner to inquire separately into those matters:

AND WHEREAS, at the request of the Honourable Sir Laurence Street, by Letters Patent issued in Our name and entered in the Register of Patents on 1 February 1995, We revoked the Letters Patent previously given to him:

AND WHEREAS By Letters Patent issued in Our name and entered in the Register of Patents on 1 February 1995, We revoked the Letters Patent previously given to him:

AND WHEREAS by Letters Patent issued in Our name and entered in the Register of Patents on 1 February 1995, We appointed you as sole Commissioner to inquire into those matters:

AND WHEREAS by Letters Patent issued in Our name and entered in the Register of Patents on 30 May 1995, We extended the time for reporting on the Inquiry and varied the terms of reference of the Inquiry:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that those Letters Patent be further varied in certain respects:

NOW THEREFORE We do, by these Our Letters Patent issued in Our name by Our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia on the advice of the Federal Executive Council and in pursuance of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the *Royal Commissions Act 1902* and other enabling powers, declare that the Letters Patent issued to you shall have effect on and from 21 December 1995 as if for the passage commencing “AND We require you”, there were substituted the following passages:

“AND We require you to use your best endeavours to complete your inquiries not later than 29 March 1996 and, in any event, to take no further evidence in relation to those inquiries after that date:

AND We require you, not later than 28 June 1996, to furnish to our Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia the report of the results of your inquiries and such recommendations as you consider appropriate.”.

WITNESS the Honourable William George Hayden, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia on 20 December 1995.

Governor-General

By His Excellency’s Command

Minister for Transport

for the Prime Minister